CGHS Dispensary

556. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government employees residing in Pushp Vihar and the adjoining areas of Khanpur, Badarpur, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar etc. and whether all are getting CGHS benefit from Dispensary No. 78 for the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that test laboratory facilities are not available in that dispensary causing a great inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to open test laboratories in near future, so that beneficiaries may get proper benefit in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The number of Central Government employees and pensioners residing in Pushp Vihar and the adjoining areas of Khanpur, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, etc. who are registered with the CGHS dispensary No. 78 (Pushp Vihar) and availing CGHS benefits are as under:—

S.No.		No. of CGHS cards	No. of CGHS beneficiaries
1.	Employees	12461	61282
2.	Pensioners	467	1158
	TOTAL	12928	62440

(b) The beneficiaries of Pushp Vihar CGHS dispensary are attached to the nearby M.B. Road CGHS dispensary for laboratory facilities. Moreover, the CGHS beneficiaries can also choose to avail laboratory facilities in the private diagnostic centers recognized under CGHS by getting due permission from the Govt, after the test/investigations have been advised by the CGHS/Govt. doctors. As such, there is no inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries.

(c) Due to constraints of resources and manpower, there is no proposal to open new laboratories under the CGHS at present.